

Aanii, Boozhoo. Melissa Pamp ndizhnikaaz. Waganakising ndonjibaa. My name is Melissa (Massey) Pamp. I am the daughter of David Massey Sr. and Rita (Raul) Gonzalez. My paternal grandparents were Irene (Shenoskey) and Louis Massey. Burt Lake endaayaanh. I recently moved back to Northern Michigan with my husband, Miengun Pamp, our 3 youngest children, and our grandson. My family loves the area, the beaches, and being a part of the community.

In 2011, I received my Associates in Business Administration from Mid-Michigan Community College. I graduated from Central Michigan University in December 2017, obtaining my Bachelors of Applied Arts with a minor in Business Administration. I have worked in hospitality most of my life and strive to serve.

While on council, I have worked in a few different work groups (alongside the Executive and Judicial branches), served as secretary on the AFC committee (filling a vacancy), supported a Youth Council and facility, advocated for Missing Murdered Indigenous Women, and sponsored numerous changes in legislation. During the pandemic, I supported all citizen payments, and the allocation of covid relief funds to Odawa Casino Resort.

I co-sponsored Tribal Resolution #050522-01, Protect our Anishnabe Kwewok, and Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. I supported changes to the Domestic Violence statute by adding additional crimes covered under VAWA (Violence Against Women Act). I will continue advocating for Missing and Murdered Indigenous People.

I believe, it is important to diversify the tribe's economic portfolio and stream different sources of non-gaming revenue. I support the formation of businesses that will recycle funds back into the tribe. I support a tribal tax for businesses. I have been supportive of economic diversity, and the partnership between Gun Lake and Pokagon tribe. The forming of Aki Construction is a historical and proud moment for all. We can achieve more while working together, building long-term relationships, and partnering with the right people.

I support a youth center or a space for the youth to call their own. The youth have outgrown their area and need a place to thrive. I will continue supporting culture, language, and the opposition of Line 5. It is important, to walk, in both worlds, and make informed decisions.

It has been an honor to serve my tribe and the community. I have learned a lot and strived to grow into my position. I would appreciate your continued support in the upcoming 2023 tribal council election.

Respectfully,

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